

RECEIVED

NOV 26 2004

Technology Center 2600

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application)

Applicant: Hirano et al.)

Conf. No. 7774)

Serial No. 09/965,615)

Filed: September 27, 2001)

For: LOAD/UNLOAD OPERATION)
CONTROL METHOD AND)
STORAGE APPARATUS)

Art Unit: 2651)

Examiner: Negron, Daniell L.)

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the
United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an
envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.

11/17/04

Date
F-CLASS.WCM

Appr. February 20, 1998

Joseph P. For
Registration No. 41,760
Attorney for Applicant

AMENDMENT B

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 17, 2004, please enter
the amendments to the above-identified Application as follows:

DO NOT ENTER

llw
12/20/04